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SUBJECT: NEW BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE

1. ADOLPHE BINAGANA, RESIDENT IN BONN, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS NOV 15 TO POPE PAUL AS BURUNDI'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE.

2. IN HIS ADDRESS TO POPE PAUL, AMBASSADOR BINAGANA NOTED THAT MOST BURUNDIANS ARE CATHOLIC AND PRAISED CHURCH FOR ITS WORK IN COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, HE INFORMED POPE THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD FULLY RETURNED TO PEACE FOLLOWING "PAINFUL EVENTS IN RECENT TIMES". CHURCH AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, PLAYED A ROLE IN PACIFYING COUNTRY. MANY FOREIGN NEWSPAPER INTERESTS TRIED TO GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION THAT CONDITIONS IN BURUNDI WERE UNRECONCILABLE, HE SAID. BINAGANA SOUGHT AID OF HOLY SEE IN HELPING TO BUILD ERA OF BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN ALL BURUNDIANS ON FOUNDATION OF PRESENT PEACE.

3. IN REPLY, POPE NOTED HIS PLEASURE AT LEARNING THAT PEACE HAD RETURNED TO BURUNDI. HE VOLUNTEERED CHURCH'S SUPPORT TO HELP HEAL WOUNDS AND CREATE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH ALL BURUNDIANS CAN WORK TOGETHER. VOLPE

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